

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An arc generating switching unit 2 which adds an electrical resistance in a circuit during current interruption to attenuate a current to be interrupted, a vacuum bulb 1 which is electrically connected in series with the arc generating switching unit 2 and interrupts the attenuated current and a current conducting switching unit 3 connected in parallel with the series circuit of the vacuum bulb 1 and the arc generating switching unit 2 are provided, and for current conduction the current conducting switching unit 3 is closed after the vacuum bulb 1 and the arc generating switching unit 2 are closed, and for current interruption after opening the current conducting switching unit 3, the vacuum bulb 1 and the arc generating switching unit 2 are opened. Thereby, a small sized power use circuit breaker which performs current conduction and interruption of a large current containing a DC component is obtained.